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9 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

12 **HUGH HOWARD,**

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 **THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, DEPARTMENT 4,**

16 and

17 **COMMISSIONER IRWIN JOSEPH**

18 Defendants
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C-07-3858 EMC

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE
A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE
JUDGE

20 CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

21 In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned parties
22 hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further
23 proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the

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Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge

Case No. CV-07-3858 EMC

1 judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

2 Dated: August 22, 2007.

3 Respectfully submitted,B

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: **HOWARD, Hugh v. Superior Court**

No.: **C 07-3858-GMC**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 22, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

Lorraine Smith
Declarant

Lorraine Smith
Signature